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1. The production of the 1 May factory included petroleum tankers, double-bottom barges, dredges, and fishing craft. [REDACTED] 25X1C the latter could be utilized as mine sweepers.

2. Between 1948 and 1951, the factory turned out fifty wooden fishing boats. The hulls were covered with copper below the sea line. Special care was taken to use only copper nails, a fact which gave rise to the opinion of [REDACTED] and other factory workers that these vessels would eventually be used as mine sweepers. One worker told [REDACTED] that copper was 25X1C used because it was non-magnetic.

3. Between 1947 and 1951, orders came in for eleven petroleum tankers of 1,000 ton displacement each. [REDACTED] might have already been finished; the remaining three will be completed by December 1951.

4. Between 1950 and 1951, three double bottom barges were constructed. These will be able to transport petroleum or carry troops.

5. Between 1949 and 1951, twelve dredges were completed. All of these were believed to be in use on the Danube-Black Sea Canal project.

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